

THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

Fraudulent use of a driver's license, ID card or other identification materials:

- It is illegal to use another's ID as one's own.
- It is illegal to possess or sell an ID for the purpose of establishing false identification.
- It is illegal to make or alter an ID.
- Persons who possess, use or distribute false forms of ID are charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor. (Code of Virginia 18.2-204.1, 204.2)

Underage purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages:

- It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess any alcoholic beverage.
- No one under 21 may use an altered or fake ID such as a driver's license, birth certificate or student identification card to establish a false identification or false age to purchase an alcoholic beverage.
- Violators shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, can lose their driver's license for up to one year and face a minimum fine of \$500 or a mandatory minimum of 50 hours of community service and a maximum sentence of up to one year in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine. (Code of Virginia 4.1-305)

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THE TRUTH ABOUT USING FALSE IDENTIFICATION TO BUY ALCOHOL



**UNDER 21 UNTIL
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**UNDER 18 UNTIL
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**IT MAY SEEM TEMPTING TO HAVE A FAKE ID
UNTIL YOU GET CAUGHT WITH IT. . . .**

***A FAKE ID IS ANY DOCUMENT THAT
ESTABLISHES A FALSE IDENTITY.***

- *Fake IDs are illegal to possess, manufacture, sell or use.*
- *Penalties could result in paying a fine or even going to jail.*
- *A conviction for possessing or using a fake IDs could appear on your permanent criminal record; impact college or graduate admission; and limit job opportunities.*
- *The penalties are just as severe for loaning your ID to another person as for using a fake ID.*
- *It is illegal to assist another person to obtain a fake ID.*
- *Virginia ABC trains alcohol sellers and servers to recognize fake IDs—not only from Virginia but from other states as well.*
- *In 2009, Virginia began issuing newly designed driver's licenses and ID cards made of laser-engraved polycarbonate, with enhanced security features to prevent identity theft, falsification and underage purchase of alcohol.*

***DON'T TRY TO BE SOMEONE ELSE.
JUST BE YOURSELF.***

***TWENTY-ONE IS THE MINIMUM AGE
TO PURCHASE OR DRINK ALCOHOL.***

- *All states and the District of Columbia now have laws stating age 21 is the minimum age to purchase or drink alcohol.*
- *Underage possession of alcohol means you could lose your driver's license for up to a year.*
- *As part of Virginia's Zero Tolerance law, drivers under 21 caught under the influence of ANY amount of alcohol face serious penalties.*
- *Promote Virginia's Zero Tolerance policy for underage consumption and possession. Report ABC violations anonymously at www.abc.virginia.gov or call (800) 552-3200.*

Please contact Virginia ABC's Bureau of Law Enforcement at (804) 213-4565 with questions about fake IDs or underage possession and consumption of alcohol.



Background: Altered and false IDs confiscated by restaurant sellers and servers and Virginia ABC special agents.